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Subject: RE: IRIS PROGRAM (across ALL DIVISIONS) is on the move!!

Congratulations on these significant accomplishments and thank you for sharing the nice summary. There is a lot to be proud of!

I have to admit my heart almost stopped when I read "moving" on the subject line... where is IRIS going? ... I have the perspective of a human health geographer ...place and time...then I read on. Phew!

I'm not responding to everyone in NCEA, just to the RT group.

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Subject: IRIS PROGRAM (across ALL DIVISIONS) is on the move!!

Hi All –

I started out sending this e-mail to the "IRIS-extended" group, which encompasses all staff across the center who are working on IRIS assessments. (Yes, Andrew Kraft, this means you! ☺)
Then, I realized I needed to add in managers and support folks, POS and TSS, and exposure folks. In the end, I decided there isn't really anyone in this Center who has not contributed to IRIS in one way or another, so I decided to do NCEA all.

If you feel like this doesn't pertain to you, then I apologize for the spam ☺. Feel free to delete.

I know there has been a large focus on meeting HHRA milestones in the IRIS Program.
I also know that we have done our best to meet them (and are still trying ☺).

While we may get dinged for missing a few – I want to take a moment to acknowledge that it was for a good cause. The same people who are desperately trying to move assessments are also the very same folks who contributed to developing or managing groundbreaking achievements for the Program, which should have untold impacts on quality, efficiency and productivity.

These same people have:

- Undergone a LEAN exercise that resulted in numerous recommendations for improving program operations.
- Developed an IRIS handbook.
- Developed an annotated outline to help write IRIS assessments.
- Released the MYA – an unprecedented effort in cross-organizational collaboration!
- Advanced the field of systematic review.
- Developed tools/frameworks to begin to standardize evaluations of study quality.
- Implemented many of the NRC recommendations.
- Provided rapid technical support on diesel, glyphosate, perchlorate, chlorpyrifos, and PFOA/PFOS.

These same people are:

- Sitting on numerous workgroups.
- Leading numerous initiatives.
- Moving around 20 active assessments.
- Working together as a team across all divisions in all locations.
- Developing SOPs and checklists to help assessment teams to better understand some of the process details required during the various stages of assessment development.
- Archiving pesticides and cleaning up the IRIS database.
- Developing an IRIS update process.

AND – ON TOP OF ALL OF THAT – we managed (or are on track) to produce, release, conduct, or post something during almost every single month over the last year!

Check out the chart below. Among other items, it contains no less than:

- Four final postings
- Three ERD releases
- Three public science meetings
- Two workshops
- *And a partridge in a pear tree ☺ [or one Multi-Year Agen-daaaaa]*

Seriously.

Beans or no beans - You have MUCH to be proud of.

THANK YOU – everyone - for your contributions to the IRIS Program! ☺

COMPLETED		
Dec, 2015	National Research Council meeting of the committee formed to peer review the draft IRIS assessment of inorganic arsenic.	12/02/15
	Released the IRIS Multi-year Agenda	12/15/15
	Advancing Systematic Review Workshop held in Arlington, VA, on December 16-17, 2015.	12/16/15
Jan, 2016	Workshop on temporal exposure issues held in Research Triangle Park, NC on January 27-29, 2016.	01/27/16
Feb, 2016	IAR redline of RDX	02/24/16
March, 2016	Released RDX public comment draft	03/10/16
April, 2016	IAR redline of TBA	04/29/16
May, 2016	IRIS Public Science Meeting (RDX)	05/10/16
	Released TBA public comment draft	05/16/16
June, 2016	TMBs released for final Agency Review and Interagency Science Discussion; Step 6B	06/01/16
	Ammonia released for final Agency Review and Interagency Science Discussion; Step 6B	06/16/16
	IRIS Public Science Meeting (B[a]P and TBA)	06/29/16
ON TRACK		
Aug, 2016	ETBE to be released for Public Comment	08/26/16
	TMBs - POST FINAL	08/31/16
	Ammonia - POST FINAL	09/14/16

Sept, 2016	RDX - Release ERD	09/30/16
	TBA - Release ERD	09/30/16
Oct, 2016	ETBE Public Science meeting	10/26/16
Dec, 2016	ETBE - Release ERD	12/13/16
	EtO - POST FINAL	12/31/16
	BaP - POST FINAL (may move to January)	12/31/16

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